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1. ANOTHER SENIOR MILITARY POSITION HAS BEEN FILLED, THE SECOND NEW APPOINTMENT TO BE REVEALED IN TWO DAYS. WANG SHANG-JUNG, FORMER PLA DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS WHO WAS PURGED DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND REHABILITATED ON ARMY DAY (AUGUST 1) THIS YEAR, WAS IDENTIFIED BY NCNA DECEMBER 9 AS A DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF.

2. COMMENT. COMING THE DAY AFTER NEWLY REHABILITATED YANG CHENG-WU'S IDENTIFICATION AS AT LEAST A DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF (REF A), IT SEEMS THAT A DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED ON A NEW LEADERSHIP SLATE FOR THE PLA AND THAT PREPARATIONS FOR HOLDING THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS HAVE ADVANCED. AS WANG SHANG-JUNG SERVED UNDER OLD MARSHAL HO LUNG THROUGHOUT
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HIS CAREER (AND WAS PURGED WITH HO LUNG IN EARLY 1967),

IT ALSO SEEMS PROBABLE THAT THE NEW MILITARY LEADERSHIP
INVOLVES A BALANCING OF FACTIONS.
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